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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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NOTICE

Pursuant to Executive Order 06-13, the Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources has suspended specific statutes and administrative rules or regulations currently in place in order to best serve the interest of the public health and safety during the period of the emergency and subsequent recovery period resulting from the severe storms of March 11-13, 2006.

March 14, 2006

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is waiving the following requirements due to the anticipated nature and quantity of wastes generated by the recent storm related cleanup activities.

Section 260.250.1, RSMo, normally prohibits the disposal of certain items in landfills. This waiver allows any storm debris including demolition debris and yard waste generated as a result of the storm to be disposed in permitted sanitary or demolition landfills. This waiver also allows the disposal of metal goods such as cars and household appliances in a sanitary landfill when it is not practical to segregate them for metals recovery or recycling. Reasonable efforts should be made to segregate materials for recycling when practical.

Section 260.205.3, RSMo, normally requires a permit modification to be approved for solid waste disposal areas and processing facilities prior to implementation of changes/deviations from the approved plans and specifications. During the storm cleanup, permitted landfills, transfer stations, and other processing facilities may accumulate, store, and process storm debris upon registration with the department. Political subdivisions of the state may also establish temporary collection sites upon registration with the department. They must register by contacting Mr. Frank Dolan with the department's Solid Waste Management Program at (573) 751-5401. The program will approve all registration requests in writing. Commercial entities wishing to carry out storm debris processing activities must obtain the necessary permits unless they are providing their services through contractual arrangement with an established, permitted solid waste facility or with a political subdivision of the state at a registered site.

10 CSR 10-2.100, Open Burning Restrictions (Kansas City Metro Area) and 10 CSR 10-3.030, Open Burning Restrictions (Outstate Missouri Area), normally restrict the open burning of vegetation and demolition waste. During the storm cleanup, no permits shall be required for the open burning of vegetation waste provided the burning takes place at least 200 yards from the nearest occupied structure. Additionally, the open burning of untreated wood waste shall be allowed provided the burning takes places at least 200 yards from the nearest occupied structure. Such burning should occur with the approval of local fire officials.

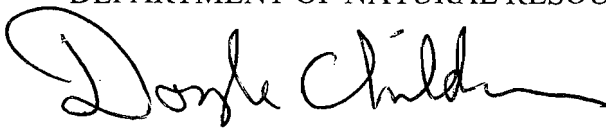
Section 644.051, RSMo, prohibits the discharge of water contaminants into any waters of the state resulting in a reduction of the quality of such waters below water quality standards. The department is waiving the permit requirements for the following types of discharges associated with the clean-up effort: stormwater discharges resulting from runoff in clean-up areas; storm-related spilled wastes and various liquid pollutants from ruptured pipes such as sewer, petroleum, or chlorinated drinking water; and other discharges from evacuated water from basements, trenches and other low areas. Commercial entities wishing to carry out clean-up or reconstruction activities must obtain necessary discharge permits unless they are providing services through contractual agreement with a municipal, county or state government or other political subdivision of the state.

10 CSR 60-3.010 Construction Authorization, 10 CSR 60-4.010 Maximum Contaminant Levels and Monitoring Requirements, 10 CSR 60-7.010 Reporting Requirements, and 10 CSR 60-8.010 outline certain requirements for public drinking water systems. For water systems affected by the recent storms, the department is waiving the following types of violations of drinking water requirements: water line replacement requirements; low pressure requirements; low chlorine residuals requirements; bacteriological monitoring requirements; general reporting requirements; and general public notice requirements.

These waivers shall be in effect until June 14, 2006 unless extended.

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Doyle Childers
Director